GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an International AIDS Conference was held in Barcelona in early July, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of participating countries in the conference and the names of representatives from India attended the conference;

(d) the major points discussed in the conference;

(e) whether any recommendations have been made for controlling/checking the spread of AIDS;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The XIV International AIDS Conference was organized by International AIDS Society in collaboration with UNAIDS WHO and UNICEF in Barcelona, Spain from 7-12 July,2002. The Conference was the world`s largest and the most importan HIV/AIDS meeting, which brought together more than 15,000 leading scientists, community leaders, people living with HIV/AIDS and policy experts from around the world. The conference addressed all aspects of the global HIV/AIDS epidemic, from science to economics, human rights and community responses.

(c) The conference was attended by the countries of all five regions of the world namely Europe, North America, Latin America/ Caribbean, Asia-Pacific and Africa. The list of the individual country has not been made available so far. The names of the representatives from India who attended the conference are placed at Annexure-A.

(d) The major points discussed in the conference were:-

- Access to care and treatment to People living with HIV/AIDS including antiretroviral therapy;

- Advances in understanding of viral dynamics;

- Advances in Research & Development of HIV vaccines and Microbicides;

- Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission

- Measurement of HIV prevalence, incidence and mortality

- Impact of HIV/AIDS on women and children

- Legal and ethical framework for HIV prevention programme and intervention strategies such as harm reduction and voluntary counseling and testing.

(e) & (f): The suggestions made in the conference were:

- HIV/AIDS prevention and control demands increased commitment and efforts

- All aspects of HIV/AIDS should be addressed unitedly by scientists, politicians, People living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), NGO religious leaders, business and media.

- Access to care & treatment should be available to all PLWHA;

- Extending dignity and respect to people living with HIV/AIDS and other vulnerable groups;

- Research and Development of HIV vaccine should be vigorously pursued; and

- Effective preventive efforts that combines education, information, services and structural changes to social environment on a massive scale.

g) Govt. of India has already launched comprehensive National AIDS Control Programme with the following key components.

- Reducing the spread of HIV in groups at high risk by identification of target populations and providing peer counseling, condom promotion, treatment of sexually transmitted infections etc.

- Preventive intervention for the general population by Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and awareness campaign, provision of voluntary testing and counseling, safe blood transfusion services and prevention of occupational exposure.

- Providing financial assistance for opportunistic infections, home and community based care to people living with HIV/AIDS.

- Strengthening effectiveness and technical, managerial, financial sustainability at National, State and Municipal levels.

- Promoting collaboration amongst public, private and voluntary sector.

NACO/UNAIDS List of Participants at XIV International AIDS Conference, Barcelona, Spain, 7-12 July, 2002

Government of India Representatives

1. Minister of Health and Family Welfare

2. Director General of Health Services

3. Ms. Meenakshi Datta Ghosh, Project Director, NACO

4. Shri Uday Kumar Varma, Director, NLI

5. Shri Raj Kishore Mishra, Joint Secretary and Director General NYKS
6. Shri Chhhatar Singh, Joint Secretary, PMO

7 OSD to HFM

Members of Parliament

1. Shri Oscar Fernandes, Member of Parliament

2. Shri Satyajit Gackward, Member of Parliament

3. Shri Kirit Somaiya, Member of Parliament

4. Shri Rajeev Ranjan Singh, Member of Parliament

5. Smt, Maya Singh, Member of Parliament
6. Shri Kapil Sibbal, Member of Parliament

Representative of States

1. Shri Janardan Reddy, Minister of Health, Andhra Pradesh

2. Shri S. Semmalai, Minister of Health, Tamil Nadu

3. Shri Chalton Lien Amo, Minister of Health, Manipur

4. Dr. A.K. Walia, Minister of Health, Delhi

5. Dr. Dinesh Kumar Sarangi, Minister of Health, Jharkhand
6. Shri Manmohan Singh, Principal Secretary (Health), Maharashtra

7 Shri Parmesh Chandra, Principal Secretary (Health), Rajasthan

8. Smt. Ranjana Chopra, Project Director, Orissa SACS

9. Shri N.C. Ray, Project Director, Delhi SACS
10. Shri G.V. Krishna Rau, Project Director, Karnataka SACS
11. Dr. D.M. Saxena, Project Director, Mizoram SACS
12. Dr. Rothangliana, Project Director, Mizoram SACS
13. Dr. Lakshminarayana Kodidela, Spl Officer, CMO, AP
14. Dr. R.C. Gandhi, Project Director, Tamil Nadu SACS
15. Dr. Alka Gogate, Project Director, Mumbai DACS
16. Ms. Gupta, NGO Adviser, Punjab SACS
17. Ms. Sonal Mehta, Gujarat SACS
18. Ms. Mariette Correa, Goa SACS

NGOs

1. Dr. E.Md. Rafique, ISH Project of IMA Munnar, Tata Tea Ltd., Munnar

2. Dr. Pratik Kumar Banerjee, New Alipore Prajak Development Society, Calcutta

3. Ms. Vaishali M Ajmera, Vikas Jyot Trust, Baroda

4. Tapan Kumar Chandra Dhole, SGPGIMS, Lucknow

5. Mr. Huidrom Sushilkumar Singh, Lifeline Foundation, Imphal
6. Mr. Sunil Menon Cheruparambil, Prakriti Sahodaran, Chennai

7 Mr. John Sundar Singh, PWDS, Marthandom

8. Ms. Vrushali Deshmukh, Humsafar Trust, Mumbai

9. Ms. Monica Mendiratta, Drishtikon, New Delhi
10. Mr. Sahab Alam, Sharan Society For Service to Urban Povett, New Delhi
11. Mr. Satcesh Chandran, Partners Forum, Kerala
12. Mr. K.I. Jacob, St. Paul`s Trust, Samalkot, AP
13. Mr. Jaffer Inamdar, Goan Community for Positive People, GCP+, Goa
14. Mr. Elango Ramachandar, KNP + Bangalore
15. Ms. Daisy David, TNP +, Chennai
16. Mr. Namozhi, SIAAP, Chennai
17. Dr. Mini Jacob, MGR Medical University, Chennai
18. Ms. Sarita Shankaran, CCDT, Mumbai
19. Dr. S.D. Patwardhan, Belair Sanatorium, Panchgani
20. Mr. Vivek Anand, Humsafar Trust, Mumbai
21. Ms. A. Daisy Rani, ARD, Madurai
22. Mr. A. Shankar, Empower, Tuticorin
23. Ms. Shyamala Ashok, SFDRT, Pondicherry
24. Mr. Lilabanta Singh, INP+, Chennai
25. Dr. P. Manorama, CHESS, Cnhennai

Individuals

1. Dr. Arun Ramchandra Banne, Public Health Department, Mumbai Muncipal Corporation

2. Dr. Naveet Wig, Asstt. Professor, Department of medicine, AIIMS, New Delhi

3. Ms. Jaya Shreedhar, Media Floundation, Chennai

4. Mr. Satchitnand, Senior Copy Writer, Times of India, patna

5. Prashant Mishra, Dainik Jagran
6. Shri Ashok Parmar, Development Commissioner, Kargil, J&K.

7 Dr. Avedesh Gupta, Dy. Project Director, Rajasthan SACS.

8. Dr. Jajasekharan, Institute of Thoracic Medicine, Chennai

9. Dr. Manoharan, Institute of Thoracic medicine, Chennai
10. Dr. Arora, InNCLEN, AIIMS, New Delhi
11. Dr. Vaidynathan, AVERT, Mumbai
12. Ms. Alpana Kelkar, AVERT, Mumbai
13. Mr. Arvind Kumar, APAC, Chennai
14. Dr. Lakshmibai, APAC, Chennai
15. Mr. Pratik, Kymar, DD(IEC), NACO